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WILDFIRES OF 2007 – NATIONAL EMERGENCY GRANT FUNDING

On October 20, 2007 wildfires of historical proportions began burning across Southern California. In Los Angeles County alone, a total of 104,186 acres burned. This represents over 20% of the total 517,742 acres that burned in California. The fires that affected County areas included, the Canyon Fire in the Malibu area, the Meadow Ridge Fire in Santa Clarita, the Buckweed Fire in Agua Dulce/Canyon Country, the Magic Fire in Stevenson Ranch and the Ranch Fire near Castaic in the Angeles National Forest.

On October 21, 2007, the Governor declared a State of Emergency in California. As a result, the State Employment Development Department (EDD) made available \$50 million of Federal National Emergency Grant (NEG) funding for California. Los Angeles County received approval from the State for NEG funds in the amount \$3.34 million and will have the opportunity to access up to \$10 million for the life of this grant. Additionally, \$15,000 in Community Service Block Grant (CSBG) program funding has been allocated to the County that specifically targets Native American Indian families impacted by the wildfires.

These funds, distributed through the Workforce Investment Board, will create up to 580 temporary jobs for fire disaster recovery and prevention. Jobs will be targeted at eligible temporary workers who have been dislocated as a result of the fires, and unemployed workers with no income support, or are long-term unemployed. Additionally, for the CSBG Program, the funds will provide financial assistance for emergency disaster relief services for approximately 15 families affected by the Los Angeles County wildfires.

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I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct the Department of the Community and Senior Services and the Los Angeles County Local Workforce Investment Board (LACWIB) to collaborate and implement a plan for services with the Federal Emergency Management Association (FEMA) and the California Office of Emergency Services (OES), the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works (DPW), the Department of Parks and Recreation, the affected local municipalities, the County-contracted service providers, and the City of Los Angeles Local Workforce Investment Area.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Board of Supervisors

1. Accepts \$3.34 million first-phase Workforce NEG funding from the State EDD as of November 1, 2007.
2. Accepts \$15,000 for the CSBG program from the State Department of Community Services and Development as of October 26, 2007.
3. Accepts second phase NEG funding of up to \$6.66 million from the State EDD.
4. Approves the allocation of funds in the amount up to \$3.34 million to previously funded, and County-contracted service providers, and \$15,000 to CSBG providers.
5. Authorizes the Director of Community and Senior Services, or her designee to enter into contracts effective with the acceptance of funding with the appropriate County-contracted service providers, its subcontractors, and CSBG providers, and delegate authority to augment contractors' allocations as additional State NEG and CSBG funding becomes available.

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